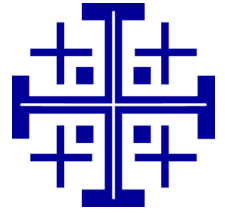




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**THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**October 26, 2025**

**Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:00 a.m.**

Page numbers refer to [The Book of Common Prayer](#).

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**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Opening Acclamation**

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

**The Collect for Purity**

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Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Kyrie**

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*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

or

*Kyrie eleison.*

*Christe eleison.*

*Kyrie eleison.*

**The Collect of the Day**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*



## The First Lesson: Jeremiah 14:7-10,19-22

Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O Lord, for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you. O hope of Israel, its savior in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler turning aside for the night? Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O Lord, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us! Thus says the Lord concerning this people:

Truly they have loved to wander, they have not restrained their feet; therefore the Lord does not accept them, now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins. Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.

We acknowledge our wickedness, O Lord, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you. Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us. Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O Lord our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 84:1-6 *Quam dilecta!*

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! \*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

## **The Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18**

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

## **The Holy Gospel: Luke 18:9-14**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke

Response: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Gospel of the Lord

Response: *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

## **The Sermon: The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs**

**The Nicene Creed**

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**The Prayers of the People:**

**Confession of Sin and Absolution**

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*Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against thee  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in thy will,  
and walk in thy ways,  
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.*

## The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

## Welcome and Announcements

*Want to give electronically? While the alms basin is being passed, you can also make an offering online using your bank account, debit, or credit card: just scan the QR code at right. Thank you for your gift to Immanuel.*



## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Offertory

Clergy: All things come of thee, O Lord;

People: *and of thine own, have we given thee.*

### The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is meet and right so to do.*

### *Celebrant and People*

### *Sanctus and Benedictus*

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*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:*

*Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.*

*Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.*

*Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

### The Lord's Prayer

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## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *grant us thy peace.*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith,  
with thanksgiving.

*If you are physically unable to come to the Altar, please let an usher know  
that you would like to have Communion brought to you.*

### Post Communion Prayer

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

*Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee  
for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the  
spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy  
Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of  
thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very  
members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the  
blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs,  
through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly  
beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy  
grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do  
all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the  
Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.  
Amen.*

### The Blessing

### The Dismissal

Clergy: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

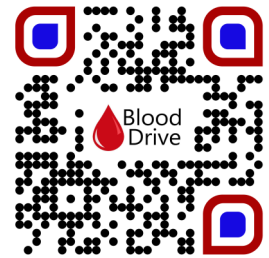
## SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:

<i>Reader/Intercessor:</i>	Chip Coakley
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Diana Walker
<i>Usher:</i>	Doug Henry
<i>Flower Guild:</i>	Connie Kurz
<i>Vestry Greeter/Counter:</i>	Caroline Bergmark
<i>Coffee Hour Host:</i>	Diana Walker
<i>Celebrant:</i>	The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs

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## IMMANUEL'S 4TH ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE—SIGN UP NOW FOR NOVEMBER 2!

We are partnering with Inova Hospital for the fourth time to host a blood drive on **Sunday, November 2, from noon to 4pm in the Zabriskie parking lot.** The link to sign up is now LIVE! Scan the QR code at right to pick a time, or you can reach out to Katherine Maas at [katherinemaas@gmail.com](mailto:katherinemaas@gmail.com). Blood drives are a meaningful way to help our community—one in seven people entering the hospital need blood and a single car accident victim can require as many as 100 pints of blood. The blood from our drive will likely be used within 48 hours after it ends. Please see recently updated eligibility guidance on Inova's site [inovablood.org/donate-blood/eligibility/](https://inovablood.org/donate-blood/eligibility/).



If you are considering donating blood for the first time, Inova has some helpful information at [inovablood.org/donate-blood/prepare-for-your-donation/first-time-donors/](https://inovablood.org/donate-blood/prepare-for-your-donation/first-time-donors/).

If you are not eligible to donate, you can still help at the registration table—even an hour would help! Please contact Katherine with any questions or to express interest in volunteering at the registration table.

Thank you!

# IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

## Parish Notes

### October 26, 2025

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**IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST we welcome you  
to Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill!**

Immanuel is an Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia, and is part of the world-wide Anglican Communion. Immanuel was founded by the Virginia Theological Seminary. We are one parish that worships in two locations: the Zabriskie Chapel (3606 Seminary Road), and Immanuel Chapel (3737 Seminary Road) on the seminary grounds. Immanuel Chapel offers a fully-staffed nursery for our infant and toddler parishioners.

**Visitors are encouraged to fill out a visitor card — located in the pews or display stands at the entrances of the chapels.** Please give your card to an usher or place in the collection plate. Thank you.

For the latest information on our online worship service and to view a video of our most recent service, please visit our website ([www.icoh.net](http://www.icoh.net)).

**PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS:** Ann MacNamara, Aster, Jim, Nancy, Spencer, and Zuzanna Wise, Carolyn Ferguson, Catherine Sinclair, Chris von Schoening, Craig Jackson, Cynthia Morton, Cy Murphy, David Phillips, Debbie Hewson, Gary and MeiLung DeVight, Gordon Johnson, Jane, John Richards, Joseph, Kenny, Mary Jane Ruhl, Nancy Bishop, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Norma Taliaferro, Randy, Rollin Huntington, Susan Montague, Tom and Martha Shimkin, and Wendy Hoge.

**PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Andrew Davis, Ann Langdon Days, Ann Woodward, Barbara Kellner, Barbara Sagan, Betsy Fox Berry, Brian and Joyce, Bridget Rice Rose, Carol Ording, Charlotte Kellogg, Cicely, Donna Becker, George Rustigian, Gerry, the Howerton Family, Hudson Milligan, Jack Allen, Jackson Sirhal, Jean Couban, Jodi Wilson, Joe Micelli, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Leea Gorman, Lilly Pinner, Louise Jackson, Lysbeth, Marcia Richardson, Margie Lidoff, Marie, Mary Horner, Marty Childs, Mary Muniz, McQuade Milligan, Melvyn, Michael, Paul, Peter Blackledge, Rosemary Wensing, Russ, Sofia, Soundary Dilan, Stacey, Stephen Miller, Stephen Spurlock, Susan Little, Tony, Val, Wesley Johnson, and Winnie Kidd.

**Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week:** Trey Hobson, Claire Campbell, Virginia Campbell, Laura Ellis, Patrick Kane. Emily Clausen, Hugo Horne, Lily Pinner, Sandhya Augustine, Tom Peabody, and Kathryn Zoeller.

**Pray for those serving around the world:** Noah Barker, Ian Phillips, Todd Bates, Jason Osborne, Michael Hussey, Scott, and Philip Pretzinger.

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## **JOIN THE SENIOR MINISTRY/FELLOWSHIP THIS TUESDAY: ALL ABOUT HOCKEY!**

**OCTOBER: FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH.** The professional hockey season begins in October and if you don't know the difference between a snipe and a dangle, we're not gonna put you in the penalty box!

Instead, come on **Tuesday, October 28** and hear parishioner and superfan **Agnes Soos**, who will help us learn how to follow that fast puck around the ice and maybe become a fan for life. Bring your own sandwich and we will provide dessert and drinks. There is no reservation required and no cost to this event.



**WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD with *The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs* THIS**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup>** : Join Sarah for fellowship this Wednesday, **October 29<sup>th</sup>** from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the Alexandria Pastry Shop, Bradlee Shopping Center on King Street. All are welcome!

# Announcements

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## WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

*All are welcome to participate*

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Morning Prayer Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

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Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, Zabriskie Chapel

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*Quiet Prayer*, Wednesday October 29<sup>th</sup>, 5:15 - 6:00 p.m.

The Oratory Chapel inside Immanuel Chapel

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Weekly Bible Study: “*The Gospel of John*” Thursday, October 30<sup>h</sup>  
@10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.

*Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.*

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Compline, Friday October 31<sup>st</sup>@ 8:30 p.m, online via Zoom

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## ALL SAINTS’ & ALL SOULS’ COMMEMORATION OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Eucharist Rite II with Lighting Candles @ 9:00 a.m.  
Zabriskie Chapel, followed by Self-guided prayers for the Dead

Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> Holy Eucharist Rite I @ 8:00 a.m. and Holy Eucharist Rite II @  
10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel **featuring “Requiem” by John Rutter with 6-piece orchestra**

Would you like to lift the name of a deceased friend or relative up in prayer on All Saints’? If so, please submit names of any loved ones lost from November 1, 2024 through this year by noon on Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> via email at [dedications@icoh.net](mailto:dedications@icoh.net) or by phone by calling (703) 370-6555, dialing extension “508”, and **leaving a detailed voicemail message on our Dedication Line.** Please include the year of death for your loved ones.

All names — including those previously listed in this year’s Sunday parish notes — will be in all bulletins November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, and in Immanuel’s Book of Remembrance, and those who have died in the last year will be included in our prayers.

**NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>**: During the Eucharist, parishioners will have the opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved-one since last All Saints’ Day. Afterwards, **the chapel will remain open until 2p.m. for parishioners to lead their own self-guided prayers**, and light a candle for those close to you that you’ve lost this year.

**NOVEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>**: During the 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist, the IMMANUEL CHOIR will sing John Rutter’s “*Requiem*”, accompanied by a 6-piece orchestra to include: *Requiem aeternam, Out of the deep, Pie Jesu,*

## FINAL DAYS: IMMANUEL OUTREACH AND THE PUMPKIN PATCH'S 32ND YEAR

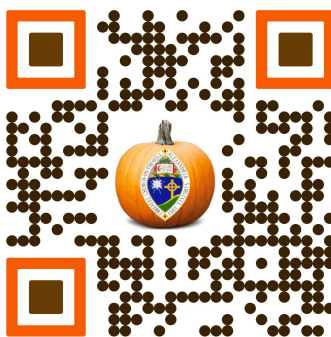
### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON PATCH CLEAN-UP DAY NOVEMBER 1ST !

Pumpkin patch proceeds show our love and care for our neighbors – most years we support at least 14 local Alexandria charities, 5 regional, and 6 international charities. Since the year 2000, when we first started keeping detailed records, we have raised \$1,225,473 from the Pumpkin Patch, all of which has gone to Outreach.

We are nearing the end of the month and pumpkin sales are picking up — especially the soup sales! We have faith our wonderful bakers and soup makers and knitters will keep the Pumpkin Patch supplied with the tastes and feel of autumn – 100 % of food sales go to Outreach. We can't do this without you!

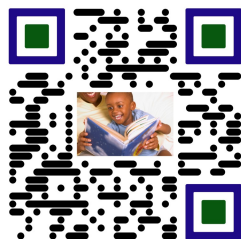
Finally, we have a **huge clean-up day on November 1st**, so please use the QR code below to signup as part of the crew.

Thanks to all who have helped in each and every way with this year's patch! **You're the best!**



## HELP A CHILD LEARN TO READ! BECOME A BOOK BUDDY!

Do you or someone you know have an hour a week to help a child learn to read? **The Alexandria Tutoring Consortium (ATC)** needs volunteer reading tutors in Alexandria's public elementary schools, with the most openings at Ferdinand Day, Patrick Henry, and John Adams schools. Tutors work one-on-one with a kindergarten, first, or second grade student in 35-minute sessions, once or twice a week, during the school day, October through May.



You do not need to be a teacher to do this - ATC provides training, materials and support - and you will make a huge difference for a child. It is important, though, to honor the schedule as your Book Buddy will look forward to seeing you.

Contact ATC's Alexa Allmann ([aallmann@alexandriatutors.org](mailto:aallmann@alexandriatutors.org)) or visit [alexandriatutors.org](http://alexandriatutors.org) to learn more. To register, simply scan the QR code at left.

**VESTRY UPDATES:** Vestry completed, and submitted to the Diocese of Virginia, Immanuel's annual financial audit. Grace and gratitude to finance team of Tom Hewson, Mollie Lambert and Mike Morgan for their excellent work in following church policies and procedures for an overall strong rating.

In September, Immanuel hired a new IT contractor to replace our previous IT contractor Focus Data Solutions. In the past month, Proactive Systems Solutions has upgraded clergy and staff computers and operating systems. Any questions about this new vendor may go to Warden for Administration Peter Kent.

For the November 6 to 8 Annual Convention, Immanuel's delegates will be Sanjiv Augustine, Mark Fearer, and Doug Onley.

Next Vestry meeting is November 11.



### **TWO CHALICE BEARERS NEEDED 2ND AND 3RD SUNDAYS OF EACH MONTH**

We now offer healing prayers on the second Sunday of each month at both services, and we need to have two Chalice Bearers at the 10:00 a.m. Eucharists. Please consider signing up to serve.



***SIGN-UP TO SERVE: SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2025***  
**IT'S EASY AND ONLINE**

Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services *through December 2025* ONLINE by visiting the landing page of our website at [ICOH.net](http://ICOH.net) and clicking our **Red SignUp Genius Button** or scanning the QR code at left. If you're a student planning to spend occasional weekends home, feel free to sign-up for only a Sunday or two. Training for all lay ministries available upon request. **THANK YOU for your participation!**



### **Monthly Saturday Breakfast Bible Study: "GOD'S PROMISES" SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 AM, Held Online via Microsoft Teams**

Join Immanuel's monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study **Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>** online via *Microsoft Teams* (find this bulletin on our website under the "Worship" tab, then click on the link below) beginning at 8 a.m. Our new theme for 2025 is *God's Promises*. This month we will read **Isaiah 46:3-11** "*I have spoken, I will bring it to pass; I have planned, and I will do it*" using the African Model of Reflection. For more information, please visit [our webpage "Breakfast Bible Study"](#), or contact Chrissie Crosby at [cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com](mailto:cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com).

[Join MStTeams Saturday Breakfast Bible Study Meeting](#) / Meeting ID: 959 5450 6553 / Passcode: 027913



### **FORUM HOUR "BEING FAITHFUL ON TUESDAY" Sunday November 16, 2025, The Welcome Center**

Following the fall retreat at Holy Cross Abbey, come hear the Rev. Dr. Frank Wade's reflections at a forum hour Sunday November 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 a.m. in the Welcome Center across from Immanuel Chapel.

## CLERGY AND STAFF

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Brian Rush.....	Senior Ministry, Pastoral Care
Kristin Whitman .....	Newcomers and Communications
Sydney Onley .....	Youth Representative

### SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel  
 10:00 a.m. *First Sunday in October, November & December 2025*  
 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Immanuel Chapel  
 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

#### Online

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 The Rev. Dr. Francis H. Wade

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The Rev. Dr. Margaret Ann (Sam) Faeth

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill is a Christian community in the Episcopal tradition, striving to be in relationship with God and each other as Christ has taught us, actively attempting to sense and to serve God’s plan with great love. We are guided by Mark 16:15: “Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel,” to learn, discern, and proclaim the Good News by being active ministers in the various communities where we live and serve.



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